

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner rejects claims 1-14, 17, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Gerszberg (US 6,542,500). The Examiner objects to claim 15 because of informalities. In a previous Office Action, the Examiner indicated claim 15 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 16 is allowed.

Claim 4:

Applicant amends independent claim 4 to incorporate all the limitations of allowable claim 15 and cancels claim 15. Applicant further amends dependent claims 7, 11-14, and 16 to correct antecedent bases and dependencies. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 4 is now allowable as are all claims dependent therefrom, and requests reconsideration of the rejection and early allowance.

Claim 4 has also been amended to address the Examiner's objections to informalities by including a description for an acronym when the acronym is first used. The acronyms have been fully described in the Specification and therefore no new matter has been added.

Claim 1:

Applicant further amends claim 1 to incorporate the inventive limitations from original claim 15, and respectfully submits that claim 1 is allowable as well as are all claims dependent therefrom. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection and early allowance.

Dependent claims 2-3, 5-14, and 16-18:

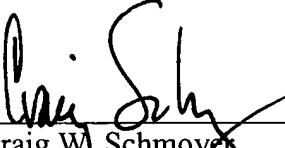
Each of the above listed dependent claims depends from an allowable independent claim and for at least this additional reason is therefore allowable. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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